

GERMAN TROOPS HAVE LOST TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND MEN IN THEIR ATTACKS ON LIEGE

But the Plucky Belgians Are Still Holding Out—They Have Repulsed Innumerable Attacks With Great Slaughter to the Germans

ARMISTICE NOW GRANTED SO THAT DEAD MAY BE BURIED

Cream of the Troops of the German Army Has Been Engaged in Operations Against Liege and Their Defeat by Belgians Amazes the World

Liege is the outstanding feature of the European war. Latest advices received by way of London in the form of official despatches say that Liege still holds out against the attacks of the Germans. The Germans have asked for a twenty-four hours armistice to bury the dead. This is given on the authority of the Belgian War Minister.

German casualties in the battle around Liege number 25,000, according to their own admission. "Act of Heroism."

An official statement issued from Berlin described the attempt on Liege fortress and the unsuccessful assault of the Germans as "an unique act of heroism," and say that it will have not the slightest influence on the larger operations of the German Army.

German diplomats have been making the utmost efforts to win Italy to the German side by negotiating and by a direct appeal to King Victor Emmanuel, but without success.

Will Remain Neutral. The Italian Ambassador at London, thanking the great assembly including several peers and members of Parliament, which gathered in front of the Embassy, said that Italy had declared its neutrality and would adhere to it.

Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, denied that there had been any engagement between the German and British fleets in the North Sea.

GERMANS HAND OUT THEIR REPORT Say Attack on Liege Fortress Was Act of Heroism

Berlin, Aug. 8.—The official German account of the siege of Liege says "On Wednesday the German advance guards penetrated along the entire Belgian frontier, and a small detachment tried a coup de main. With great boldness, some cavalry entered Liege with the intention of seizing the commander of the forces, who only saved himself by flight.

"An attempt on the fortress itself was unsuccessful.

"A hostile foreign press will characterize this enterprise, which cannot have the slightest influence on operations as a defeat. It, however, is but an unique act of heroism in the history of war and a sign of the heroic gallantry of our men.

BELGIANS GRANT THE ARMISTICE

London, Aug. 8.—A despatch to the Post from Brussels says that the Belgians granted an armistice of twenty-four hours, a request by the Germans and the latter are now collecting the wounded and burying the dead.

The Germans have withdrawn to a less exposed position, where they can recuperate.

BIG SUM GIEVN POOR AID FUND

London, Aug. 8.—Altho' only just opened \$12,500.00 have already been subscribed to the Prince of Wales fund for the relief of the poor during the war.

DESPATCH SAYS GERMANS HAVE GIVEN UP SIEGE.

London, Aug. 6.—A despatch from Brussels today officially announced that the Germans retreated from Liege after two days of most severe fighting, in which the German losses were enormous.

The defence put up by the Belgian troops against the cream of the German army has aroused the admiration of all nations. The retreat is understood to have been carried out in the wildest disorder.

Complete silence reigns with regard to the military movements on both France and Germany's part, and it is assumed both armies are concentrating for a decisive battle.

No hint of where they will come in contact has been given.

RUSSIAN SHIP RAN ASHORE

Stockholm, Aug. 7.—The captain of two Swedish steamers report that a Russian cruiser is ashore near Hangö, Finland.

GOVERNMENT PLANS TO HELP ANY UNEMPLOYED

London, Aug. 7.—Plans to prevent unemployment during war and for systematic relief of distressed, are being arranged on a large scale.

Instead of encouraging public work in the interest of military expenditure, the British Government purpose providing for those who have lost their work through the shutting down of factories.

Belgian Fire Plays Havoc With Germans

Brussels, Aug. 7.—News received from Liege shows that that fortress is still holding out although being bombarded with heavy shells. It is still undamaged, while the Belgian fire is working havoc among the Germans.

It is reported that the French forces are approaching from several directions.

Brussels, Aug. 7.—Liege still holds out against German assault.

ITALY STILL REFUSES TO JOIN WITH GERMANY

Italian Authorities Say They Have Declared Their Country Neutral and Will Not Alter Their Decision—Demonstration in Honor of Italy in London

Rome, Aug. 8.—The German Government is using the utmost efforts to bring about a change in Italy's attitude to the present European situation and direct appeals have been made to King Victor Emmanuel, but all in vain. It is asserted that Italy, having declared its neutrality, intends to maintain it.

Italy's position as a member of the triple alliance and therefore an ally of Germany, under certain conditions, has been a disgust in every phase. The general consensus of opinion seems to be that the Italian people would never permit an act of hostility against France and Britain.

Everywhere there are spontaneous outbursts of enthusiasm for France occurring.

ENGLISH TROOPS LAND IN FRANCE

Paris, Aug. 8.—It was officially announced today that English troops under the direction of French officers were disembarking on French soil. The point of disembarkment was not reported. The disembarkation was made under the direction of French officers, spoke English fluently and was witnessed by a crowd who cheered the English.

SAYS FINANCES ARE IMPROVED

Lloyd-George Announces Bank of England Has Lowered Discount Rate To Five Per Cent—Banks Getting Bigger Deposits

London, Aug. 8.—Before adjournment of the House of Commons last evening, Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that reports received from points throughout the country showed that the opening of the banks the financial position was perfectly satisfactory.

The Bank of England, he said, received many foreign accounts and \$28,000,000 in gold were being hoarded and trade is regaining its normal condition.

The Bank of England, Lloyd George continued, felt that it could reduce its rate 5 p.c. Saturday some banks received more money than they paid out.

At a meeting of Silver Brokers here it was said the Government has taken over all available silver supplies for currency purposes.

Hull Hospitals Asked To Be Ready

Hull, Aug. 7.—Conclusive proof of the fact that a severe naval engagement is taking place in the North Sea is afforded by the receipt of a wireless message by the officials of the Hull infirmary warning them to prepare to receive 250 wounded marines.

Skippers of Trawlers Saw The Fighting

Lowestoft, Eng., Aug. 7.—Trawler returning here today report that they witnessed fighting in the North Sea on Wednesday and saw a German destroyer fleeing from British cruisers.

WANT ITALY TO HELP ENGLAND

London, Aug. 8.—The Standard, Daily Mail and other papers today appealed to Italy to abandon her neutrality and come to the assistance of England and France against the common enemy of Europe.

The German Fleet Now Hemmed In

London, Aug. 7.—That the German fleet is hemmed in on the eastern side of the North Sea and all the rest of the sea is in control of the British fleet finds support in the official permission given to fishing trawlers to leave Tyne ports and those of the Humber and other east coast fishing centres for the fishing grounds today. This has been forbidden for the past two days.

The surgeon in charge of the South Shields hospital received a wireless message last night asking what accommodation he had for wounded men. He replied he could take care of 1,000 persons.

War News

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ESTABLISHING PRESS BUREAU IN GT. BRITAIN

So That the Public May Receive Authoritative War News

FIRST WAR LORD THANKS PRESS

For Their Co-operation With The Authorities Before The War

London, Aug. 7.—Winston Churchill advised that arrangements have been made such as would reduce the possibility of accidents from mines to a minimum. Referring to the disconcerting war news spread by the newspapers, Mr. Churchill said they were probably due to the very strict censorship prevailing, and this caused the papers to fill their columns with reports from irresponsible and nervous people along the coast.

Government Press Bureau.

Mr. Churchill announced that the British Government had decided to establish a press bureau, which would be presided over by Frederick E. Smith, a member of Parliament, and from this bureau would be issued a steady supply of trustworthy information from both Admiralty and War Office, without placing in danger the naval and military departments of the country. The country would be kept properly and truthfully informed of the state of affairs from day to day.

The First Lord then paid a tribute to the press for its restraint during the precautionary period when the government were without legal means for controlling it. This had enabled the authorities to expeditiously and discreetly complete their preparations.

No Other Fighting.

The First Lord continued that, part from the loss of the small cruiser Amphion and the German mine layer Koenig Luise, there was no other fighting and no other loss as far as he was aware.

On Wednesday a flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers while patrolling the outer reaches of the Channel found the Luise lay mines. She was pursued and sunk. About 50 of her crew, high probably numbered 120 or 130 men, were humanely saved by the crews of the destroyers.

Was Blown Up.

The Amphion continued to scout with the flotilla and one her return journey was blown up by a mine. His indiscriminate use of mines not in connection with military harbors or strategic positions and the indiscriminate scattering of contact mines about the seas might destroy not only a warship, but peaceful merchantmen under a neutral flag and possibly carrying supplies to a neutral country.

This use of mines deserves the tentative consideration not only of those of us who are engaged in war, but of all the nations of the civilized world.

The Admiralty is not at all alarmed or disconcerted by this incident.

DUBLIN HONORS BRITISH TROOPS

Population Demonstrated in Their Honor as They Entrained For Active Service in the Great European War

Dublin, Aug. 7.—There was a great demonstration here over the British regiments which entrained for active service.

Reservists who were starting for England were escorted to the station by Nationalists with bands of music. A great number of Unionist Protestants are joining the Nationalists in volunteering for the defence of the country.

Dublin, Aug. 7.—Enthusiasm was at a high pitch last night when soldiers of various Irish regiments moved through the city to the quay for cross channel destinations.

All the bitterness and hatred between the Nationalists and Ulsterites for the present have disappeared, and everywhere there is patriotism, the like of which is seldom seen. Political factions are joining together, cheering the soldiers and singing patriotic songs.

Flour advanced 20 cents per barrel in Canada during the last 24 hours.

Sensational Offering!

LADIES' COATS

Owing to a backward season in the Old Country, many manufacturers and wholesalers have been caught with heavy stocks, which they are forced to clear out at a sacrifice.

Our representative being on the spot early, has had his pick of several exceptionally good values, some of which have just arrived.

As a sample we are now offering a small lot of

LADIES' TAILOR-MADE SUMMER COATS

at Less Than a Third of the original Values.

There are only 50 in the lot, so if you wish to get an early choice, come in TODAY.

\$18 COATS for \$5.00

Less than ONE-THIRD OF Original Price.

- 6 only Navy & Black Serge & Tweed Values up to \$10.00 for **\$3.00**
- 9 only Navy & Black Fine Serge Values up to \$12.00 for **3.50**
- 12 only Navy & Black Serge & a few Colored Values up to \$14.00 for **4.00**
- 17 only Navy & Black Serge & Col'd. Broadcloth Values up to \$16.00 for **4.50**
- 6 only Black Broadcloth Values up to \$18.00 for **5.00**

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WHOLE BATTALION OF GERMANS KILLED BY BELGIAN MINE

Liege, Aug. 6.—The tenth German army corps reinforced by cavalry attacked Liege last night, and crossed a stream which had been mined, and the mines being exploded by the Belgians a whole battalion of Germans were killed, while 1,200 wounded were picked up.

Not a single fort has fallen into the hands of the Germans. Several howitzers have been placed in position near Harve and large German forces are lying in wait on the other side of the frontier.

An attack on the village of Cornesse was repulsed by the Belgians. Six Germans pretending to be Englishmen made their way to the Governor's office this morning; they were killed.

ASQUITH THANKS LOYAL IRELAND

Dublin, Aug. 8.—Premier Asquith has sent a message to the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Lieut. of Ireland, expressing the Government's deep gratitude of the loyal help of Ireland, offered at this grave hour. The question of giving the Nationalist and Ulster Volunteers a military status is being considered.

FRENCH TO RAISE FOREIGN LEGION

Paris, Aug. 8.—The French War Office is arranging to accept foreign volunteers, beginning August 12. They will be organized into a foreign Legion.

BRITISH GOV'T. ACCEPTS OFFER

Of 3 Canadian Cities to Supply a Regiment

Ottawa, Aug. 8.—The Imperial Government today cabled its acceptance of the offer of Hamilton, Gault and Montreal to raise and equip a regiment of 1,000 men, all having seen active service.

This regiment as already announced will be over and above the contingent of 20,000 men, which will be sent as Canada's general contribution.

Lieut. Col. Farquhar, D.S.O., Military Secretary to H.R.H. the Governor General, will command the Montreal regiment. Captain Buller, A.D.C. to his Royal Highness, will act in the capacity of Adjutant.

BRITAIN THANKS THE DOMINION

And Accepts Her Offer Of 20,000 Men

Ottawa, Aug. 6.—A cable was received from His Majesty the King and the Imperial authorities late last night, accepting Canada's offer to send a contingent of 20,000 trained men to Europe, and asking that they be mobilized at once.

TAKEN OFF TRAIN SHOT AS SPY

London, Aug. 8.—Karl von Lawvery, an American who has arrived in London from Germany, asserts he saw a Frenchman taken from a train under suspicion that he was a spy and that he was at the station of Essen in the presence of all the passengers.

CAPTURE SHIP WITH \$2,500,000

Plymouth, Aug. 7.—The Holland Lloyd steamer Turbantia from South America, which has been brought here by a warship, has \$2,500,000 in gold on board, part of which is consigned to a German bank in London. There are also several German reservists besides a quantity of grain on board the Turbantia.

JAPAN MAKES PREPARATIONS

To Take Hand In War If Necessary

Tokio, Aug. 7.—Reserve army officers have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness for possible mobilization.

A flying squadron of seven cruisers has been organized at Yokohama with Prince Fushimi in command. A battleship squadron of eight vessels is ready for service under command of Admiral Yato.

Reliable reports received here state the German squadron is bottled up at Tsing Tau by the British.

GERMAN CROWN PRINCE INJURED

Assailant Not Identified—The English Blamed

London, Aug. 7.—The Times says it hears from a reliable source that the German Crown Prince was seriously injured by an unidentified assailant.

Officers blame the English people for it and are treating many in a cruel manner.